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SUBJECT: JAMAICAN RESPONSE TO INCREASE IN SUGAR TARIFF

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1. THE JAMAICA DAILY NEWS OF SEPTEMBER 22
CARRIED REPORT OF INCREASE IN SUGAR TARIFF UNDER BANNER
HEADLINE "U.S. SUGAR TAX HITS JAMAICA". THE STORY WHICH
FOLLOWED STRESSED THE DAMAGE DONE TO JAMAICA'S COMPETITIVE
POSITION. IT WENT ON TO SAY THAT "THE MOVE WAS TAKEN
BECAUSE U.S. BEET SUGAR AND CANE SUGAR PRODUCERS WERE UNABLE
TO OPERATE PROFITABLY AT CURRENT PRICE LEVELS."

2. THIS FIRST RESPONSE TO THE TARIFF CHANGE IS RELATIVELY
STRAIGHTFORWARD. HOWEVER, WE MUST ANTICIPATE THAT THE
JAMAICANS WILL INEVITABLY SEE THE TARIFF INCREASE AS DIRECTED
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TOWARD THE FURTHER "DESTABILIZATION" OF THEIR COUNTRY.

THE FACT THAT JAMAICA PROVIDES A MINISCULE PORTION OF AMERICAN
SUGAR IMPORTS WILL BE IGNORED BY THOSE WHO PERCEIVE
"DESTABILIZATION".
GERARD

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